

Arkansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative

Joint Meeting: Medical Home and Social-Emotional Health Work Groups--

January 10, 2006 - 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Patti Bokony, Gil Buchanan, Laura Butler, Bruce Cohen, Pamela Henry, Carol A. Lee, Lynn Lincoln, Richard Nugent, Martha Reeder, and Paula C. Watson.

Regrets: Stevanna Cherepski, Ann Patterson, Dan Sullivan, and Ratha Tracy.

Martha Reeder called the meeting to order. The group made self-introductions.

Agenda Item #1: Examining the QRS Performance Measures

Discussion: Martha Reeder presented the following handouts:

- ? QRS table with everything required on each individual level on six of the seven measures.
- ? Recommendations from the Family Support and Parent Education Work Groups for the Parent/Family/Community Partnerships measure.
- ? QRS table with items incorporated into existing recommendations form the Family Support and Parent Education work Groups (in red).

Martha Reeder stated that the final measure to be completed is the Parent/Family/Community Partnerships measure. This measure is unique to QRS in Arkansas. The other states incorporated items suggested for this measure in other measures. If it becomes adopted, Arkansas will be the only state that singled out the concerns represented by this measure. The QRS sub-group felt that it was important enough to include as a separate measure.

The sub-group, representing nine entities, has been meeting twice a month working on identifying the performance measures and what occurs at each level. This is the first step in the process. The second step is to put mechanisms in place for the performance measures to be accountable. The third step is financing the system

There also has to be some kind of public awareness campaign to educate the public as to why the QRS is important. A task force has been formed to work on this issue. If there is anyone in this group that would like to join this task force, please let Martha Reeder know.

Martha Reeder reported that the recommendations from the Family Support and Parent Education Work Groups and this joint group will be submitted together. The QRS group has seen your recommendations, and they need to be reformulated. Family Support and Parent Education have already reformulated their recommendations.

Agenda Item #1, Continued: Examining the QRS Performance Measures
<p>Discussion: This group needs to reformulate their recommendation to fall into three categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tool Kit2. Existing Performance Measures3. Parent/Family/Community Partnerships <p>Martha explained that all recommendations must be measurable. This is the same criteria used by the QRS group. If a recommendation is not quantifiable but qualitative, it can be included in the tool kit. Each group is asked to keep a running tab as to what should be in the tool kit. If it is measurable, it is possible that it could be included as an addendum to one of the measures that already exists. Option 3 would be a brand new recommendation that would fall in the Parent/Family Community measure.</p> <p>Martha called attention to the group as to what each level represents. Level 1, all the way across the board, a program has to have a regular license without any non-compliance issues on the table. Then a program must file a "letter of intent" to get one star. When they do, they will receive a packet of information.</p> <p>Level 2 is where gathering baseline information begins. It is a self-assessment of where the program is. Every program has to undergo an outside evaluation, which will most likely be based on the environmental rating scale. At the present time, the system is in place to monitor using the Environmental Rating Scale. The programs are not required to have a certain ERS score. The ERS may not gather all the information that is wanted. The Family Support and Medical Home Work Groups are recommending that the SFI self-assessment also be used to assess how the programs work with families. This group has talked about some kind of additional assessment.</p> <p>Level 3 and beyond is where the real changes come in to being.</p> <p>The group spent the balance of the time deciding where current recommendations fit with regard to the three categories, as stated above. They also discussed what a parent group should be called—advisory board, parent support team, as named by the Joint Family Support/Parent Education group, or some other name. Martha Reeder will type up the combined documents that will be presented to the QRS Sub-group with the suggested distribution. (This document is attached.)</p>
Agenda Items #2: Next Meeting Date and Adjournment
<p>Discussion: The next meeting date selected: February 9, 2006, 2 - 4:30 p.m., Freeway Medical Center.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.</p>
<p>RESULTING TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS:</p> <p>Martha Reeder will type up the recommendation for the QRS Sub-group.</p> <p>Richard Nugent and Rhonda Sanders will attend the QRS meeting.</p>